

House Resolution No. 2484

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Dr. Celerstine Briggs Johnson, who will be honored during the annual Salute to Women in Leadership luncheon to take place on May 9, 2008, a collaborative event between the City of St. Louis, the Office of the License Collector, and the Vashon/Jeff VanderLou Initiative; and

Whereas, the Salute to Women in Leadership awards are given to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, Dr. Johnson, who will receive the Educational Leadership Award, is Associate Vice-Provost for Enrollment Management at Saint Louis University, serving as convener of the Retention Management Committee which acts as a clearinghouse for campus-wide retention; and

Whereas, Dr. Johnson served as President of the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C., as well as of the Mid-America Association of Education Opportunity Program Personnel; and

Whereas, Dr. Johnson has oversight for three federal TRIO programs, which help students to overcome class, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education; and

Whereas, Dr. Johnson obtained a bachelor of arts degree in education from Harris-Stowe State University, a master's degree in teaching mathematics from Webster University, and a doctorate in higher education administration from Saint Louis University; and

Whereas, a member of the Education Bureau of the Charmaine Chapman Society, Dr. Johnson is the proud recipient of the Saint Louis University Woman of Year award; the Sammy David "Yes I Can" Education Award; the Saint Louis University Grantsmanship Award; the Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem Lifetime Achievement Award; Who's Who in Black St. Louis; Diamond Honoree Award from the American College Personnel Association, and the YWCA's Racial Justice Award:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and admiration for the personal and professional accomplishments of Dr. Johnson; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Celerstine Briggs Johnson, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2484, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker